

With regard to the proposal to increase the ownership limitation from 35 percent to 45 percent of the national market, I oppose such an increase. I believe strongly that this takes us in the wrong direction. The direction we should be taking is more local ownership of media outlets, not continued consolidation and ownership by mega-corporations. I believe the public's interest is best served by moving things back toward the original restrictions prohibiting ownership or control of more than one station in each market. While it is probably impractical to return to that original rule, that should guide the direction of future rule making. The goals of the FCC should be to benefit the general public and I would like to hear a rational explanation as to how this continued consolidation of ownership serves the public good rather than the mega corporations' goals to continue to expand and to enrich their executives and large shareholders (clearly a very small percentage of the public).